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BOARD OF TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

Montana's First Territorial Legislature created the Montana Historical Society as a private corporation/public agency on February 2, 1865. For its first 25 years, the Society functioned essentially as a private club. Legislation in 1891 and 1893 severed the private-sector ties, established "the Historical Society of Montana" as a state institution, and created a supervisory Board of Trustees.



of five governor-appointed and three ex-officio members. The Society moved into quarters in the new State Capitol building in 1902. A major reorganization of the Society occurred in 1949. The 1949 Legislature expanded the Board of Trustees to its current complement of 15 members, authorized the development of a "departmentalized" Society, and laid the fiscal groundwork for construction of the new Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building (dedicated in 1953). In the aftermath of this revision, the Society hired its first actual director, K. Ross Toole. Under Toole's leadership (1951-1958), the Society became a multi-departmental agency emphasizing collection, preservation, and public outreach. The Society's most recent revision dates to 1963. That legislature changed the name of the organization to the "Montana Historical Society," further detailed the duties of the Society's director, and expanded the Society's responsibilities to include the fine arts. The laws under which the Montana Historical Society and its Board of Trustees currently operate can be found in 1999 edition of Montana Codes Annotated, "Antiquities-Part I: Historical Society," 22-3-101 through 22-3-114.



LAWS GOVERNING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MCA 22-3-104 through **MCA 22-3-107** refer specifically to the Board of Trustees and are as follows:

2005 MONTANA CODES ANNOTATED:

22-3-104. Appointment and qualifications of board of trustees.

- (1) The government and administration of the society are vested in a board of 15 trustees appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate. Three each of the original members of the board shall be appointed for 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-year terms. An appointment to replace a member whose term has expired shall be for 5 years. An appointment to replace a member whose term has not expired shall be for the unexpired term.
- (2) Trustees shall be appointed because of their special interest in the accomplishment of the purposes of the society, their fitness for discharging these duties, and their willingness to devote time and effort in the public interest. The governor, insofar as possible, shall appoint trustees from the various geographical areas of the state.
- (3) Of the 15 trustees, at least one shall be a recognized historian and at least one shall be a recognized archaeologist.
- (4) The governor shall appoint these professionals to the board of trustees as vacancies occur.

22-3-105. Compensation and expenses of trustees. Each member of the board of trustees shall be compensated and receive travel expenses as provided for in 2-15-124(7)-[i.e., each member is entitled to be paid \$50 for each day in which he is actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of board duties, and he is also entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses, at current state rates (see MCA 2 -18-501 through 2 -18-503), incurred while in the performance of board duties].

22 -3-106. Executive committee. The trustees may select an executive committee of five trustees and delegate to the committee such functions in aid of the efficient administration of the affairs of the society as the trustees deem advisable.

22 -3-107. Authority of board. The powers and duties of the trustees are as follows:

- (1) to elect annually from among their number a president, a vice president, and a secretary;
- (2) to adopt bylaws for their own government and to make rules, not inconsistent with law, for the proper administration of the society in the interests of preserving the rich heritage of this state and its people;
- (3) to appoint a director, fix the director's salary, and prescribe the director's duties and responsibilities;
- (4) to create classes of memberships in the society as they consider desirable, to determine the qualifications for any class of membership, and to set the fees to be paid for memberships;
- (5) to sell or exchange publications and other museum or art objects and to use the money arising from sales for the operation of the society and for the acquisition of historical materials and objects of art;
- (6) to sell or exchange surplus or duplicate books, surplus museum or art objects or artifacts not pertinent to the region encompassed by the Montana historical society mission and to use the money arising from the sales exclusively for acquisitions of library, art, and museum artifacts;





- (7) to see that the collections and properties of the society are maintained in good order and repair;
- (8) to report to the governor and, as provided in 5-11-210, the legislature biennially. The report must include a statement of all important transactions and acquisitions, with suggestions and recommendations for the better realization of the purposes of the society and the improvement of its collections and services;
- (9) to accept, receive, and administer in the name of the society any gifts, donations, properties, securities, bequests, and legacies that may be made to the society. Money received by donation, gift, bequest, or legacy, unless otherwise provided by the donor, must be deposited in the state treasury and used for the general operation of the society;
- (10) to collect, assemble, preserve, and display, when appropriate, all obtainable books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, journals, diaries, papers, business records, paintings, drawings, engravings, photographs, statuary, models, relics,



and all other materials illustrative of the history of Montana in particular and of the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rocky Mountain, and Northern Great Plains regions and of the United States of America when pertinent;

- (11) to procure from pioneers, early settlers, and others narratives of the events relative to the early settlement of Montana, the Indian occupancy, Indian and other wars, overland travel and immigration to the territories of the west, and all other related documents of Montana's history, development, and society;
- (12) to gather contemporary information, specimens, and all other materials that exhibit faithfully the distinctive historical and contemporary characteristics of the area, with particular attention to Indian, military, and pioneer artifacts and implements;
- (13) to collect and preserve such natural history objects as fossils, plants, minerals, and animals;
- (14) to collect and preserve books, maps, manuscripts, and other materials as will tend to facilitate historical, scientific, and antiquarian research;
- (15) to promote the study of Montana history by lectures and publications;

- (16) to publish a roadside history of Montana, with maps, photographs, and text that will enable tourists, citizens, and students to understand the history of the countryside seen from the state's main roads;
- (17) to generally foster and encourage the fine arts and cultural activities in Montana;
- (18) to receive for and on behalf of the state, by donation or otherwise, art objects of any kind and description and to exhibit and circulate the objects in Montana and elsewhere;
- (19) to microfilm papers or documents in danger of disappearance or injury; and
- (20) to coordinate the administration of the historic records network established in 22-3-211.





EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2005/2006

Ms. Lee Rostad, President

Mr. Robert F. Morgan, Vice-president

Judy Cole, Secretary

Tom Foor

Sharon Lincoln

Jim Murry

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Ms. Judy Cole came to Montana from Minnesota at age seven and grew up in the lower Yellowstone Valley. After high school in Forsyth, she worked on several newspapers throughout the American West and lived in Brazil. She and her husband Mack returned to Billings in 1979, and Judy graduated from Eastern Montana College two years later. She has taught English, journalism, and Spanish on the high-school level and advised a number of award-winning school publications programs.

Ms. Cole received a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund fellowship and--with five journalism teachers from across the nation--wrote the first Teacher's Guide to Intensive Journalistic Writing courses. In 1990 she received the Billings School District's Golden Apple Award.

The Coles have three children and nine grandchildren. In 1993 they returned to the family homestead near Sanders, and Judy became involved in local historical projects. Through her efforts, the Sanders Community Hall was restored and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

Governor Judy Martz appointed Ms. Cole a Public Member of the Board of Trustees in 2001, and she currently serves on the Board's Executive Committee.

MR. JAMES COURT

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Mr. James Court was born and raised in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins. In 1961 Mr. Court joined the National Park Service and served in various parks, including Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain, Big Bend, and Mesa Verde. From 1962 – 1964 Mr. Court was with the Peace Corps in Ecuador. He then became the superintendent at Little Bighorn National Battlefield in Montana until his retirement in 1986.

For twenty years, Jim and his wife Virginia operated a travel agency in Hardin. He currently provides private tours of battlefields, as well as historical and natural-history tours across Montana and the Rocky Mountain West. Mr. Court is a founder of the Custer Battlefield Preservation Committee, which has raised \$6 million to preserve 3,500 acres of land surrounding the battlefield proper.

Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Mr. Court a Public Member of the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society in 2006.

DR. THOMAS A. FOOR

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Dr. Tom Foor of the University of Montana's Department of Anthropology is currently filling the mandated "archaeologist" position on the Montana Historical Society's Board of Trustees. Dr. Foor received a B.A. (1973) and an M.A. (1976) from the University of Montana in Missoula before obtaining a Ph.D. from the University of California-Santa Barbara in 1982. He served as the Montana State Archaeologist (1979-1983) prior to joining the teaching staff at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Dr. Foor is the author of numerous publications in his field, and he served on the State Historic Preservation Review Board until 1993. At that time, former Governor Marc Racicot appointed him to the Society's Board of Trustees and reappointed him in 1998; Governor Judy Martz reappointed him in 2003. Dr. Foor is a current member of the Board's Executive Committee.

MS. SHIRLEY HAND (MRS. SIDNEY) GROFF

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Ms. Shirley (Hand) Groff is a fourth-generation Montanan and the wife of Dr. Sidney L. Groff, retired Montana State Geologist. She received her B.S. and M.S. in education from the University of Montana-Western in Dillon, after which she taught for three years in Clancy and for twenty-nine years in Butte.

Ms. Groff is active in a number of educational, historical, and patriotic organizations. She has served as Montana State Regent, Montana Society Daughters of the American Revolution and as President of the Sons and Daughters of the Montana Pioneers.

Ms. Groff has volunteered in Virginia City and Bannack, learning the museum business from the ground up. She worked on the preservation of the old pauper's cemetery in Butte and is involved in the preservation and restoration of a 1930 marker commemorating the discovery of gold on Silver Bow Creek.

Governor Judy Martz appointed Ms. Groff a Public Member of the Board of Trustees in July, 2001, and Governor Brian Schweitzer reappointed her in 2005

MR. WILLIAM M. HOLT

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Mr. William M. Holt was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1953. Life experiences span a wide range of occupations such as federal veterinarian, auctioneer, professional announcer, supper-club/resort owner/operator, and rancher.

Mr. Holt and his wife, Ramona, currently reside in Lolo, operating a registered Longhorn cattle operation. Most recently they have built the Holt Heritage Museum housing a lifetime artifact collection of "Cowboys and Indians" – "Rodeo and Pow Wow."

Former Governor Stan Stephens appointed Mr. Holt as a Public Member of the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society in 1990. Former Governor Marc Racicot reappointed him in 1998, and former Governor Judy Martz reappointed him in 2003.

MR. KENT KLEINKOPF

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Mr. Kent Kleinkopf was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and graduated from the University of Idaho (Moscow) in 1967 with a degree in history and business. He taught and coached in Twin Falls and then in Los Angeles, where he met his wife Katherine, a Missoula native and University of Montana graduate.

Mr. Kleinkopf earned an M.S. in economics from the University of Utah in 1971 and began a career in the Montana Department of State Lands. He later joined the administration of Governor Thomas L. Judge, who appointed him the state's first Citizen Advocate. He then became (1977-1981) the director of the Department of Business Regulation and concurrently served as chairman of the State Banking Board.

For more than 35 years, Kent and Kathy have amassed a large library of Montana history books and letters, many of which are signed and rare. They were the co-recipients of the 1997 Missoula Historic Preservation Award for renovation of one of the Mary Gleim buildings on Front Street--an 1895 two-story brick bordello which now houses their business.

Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Mr. Kleinkopf as a Public Member of the Board of Trustees in 2006 to fill a partial term ending in July, 2007.

MS. KATHERINE LEE

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Ms. Katherine Lee was born in Minnesota, where she spent her life until early retirement. She graduated from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul and earned a J.D. from the Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law. Katherine is a retired attorney who practiced in business litigation and personal injury. She is also an experienced marketing person.

In 1996 Katherine and her husband Jim purchased the Krug Mansion in Glendive. The 8,000-square-foot 1907 mansion is now their home. Developed as the Charley Montana Bed and Breakfast, the operation received a license in 1997. With her husband, Katherine has worked at retaining the authenticity of this comfortable home while creating amenities that the B&B guest prefers.

Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Ms. Lee in 2006 to serve as a Public Member on the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society.

MR. JOHN G. LEPLEY

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Born to generations of Montanans, John G. "Jack" Lepley grew up in Fort Benton and still resides there. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Montana-Missoula in 1950 and an M.S. from the same institution in 1961.

For years Jack taught and coached at Fort Benton High School, where he was the chairman of the Science Department from 1960 until his retirement in 1993. His community involvement has been consistent through the years--ranging from stints on the city and country planning boards (1980-1990) to terms as a councilman for the City of Fort Benton (1980-1988) to work as the executive director of the River and Plains Society Board of Trustees (1986-present).

Jack has been the driving force behind the several museums and historic sites in/near Fort Benton, has devoted terms to both the Montana Historic Preservation Review Board (1980-1988) and the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission (1966-present), and has been a director of the Museums Association of Montana since 1999.

Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Mr. Lepley to the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society in 2005 for a full five-year term.

SHARON A. LINCOLN

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Ms. Sharon Lincoln was born and raised in Forsyth, Montana, the fourth generation of Rosebud County settlers. For five years (1969-1974) Ms. Lincoln worked as the Deputy Rosebud County Superintendent of Schools. She also served for 13 years (1974-1987) as the Deputy County Treasurer. She was then elected the Rosebud County Treasurer for three consecutive terms until her retirement in 1998—at which time she became a Billings resident.

Ms. Lincoln was the president of the Montana Treasurers' Association in 1987 and served on Governor Marc Racicot's Task Force for Education in 1994. In 1996 the Forsyth Chamber of Commerce honored her with its Professional Person of the Year Award.

Ms. Lincoln's interests have ranged from the Forsyth Board of School District Trustees to the community's Chamber of Commerce, and from the Board of Directors of the Forsyth Country Club to fund-raising projects for the Boys and Girls Club of Billings. She has three grown children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Governor Judy Martz, in July, 2003, appointed Ms. Lincoln to a five-year term on the Board of Trustees, and she currently serves on the Board's Executive Committee.

STEVE LOZAR

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Mr. Steve Lozar was born in St. Ignatius, Montana, in 1949.

He is a member of the Salish, Kootenai, and Assiniboine tribes. He attended schools on several Indian reservations, including St. Stephens Indian High School. He graduated from college with a degree in anthropology. While in graduate school, he married Keryl, who is a third-grade teacher at Cherry Valley Elementary School in Polson.

Steve became the director of education for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and he taught anthropology at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo for twenty-five years. He is an elected member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council.

Steve and Keryl have five grown children--three are college graduates and two are attending Montana universities. Steve's non-Indian paternal grandparents were Slovenian immigrants to East Helena and Butte where they worked as saloon-keepers and miners. Steve and Keryl own Montana's oldest screen printing and embroidery business, located in Polson.

In July, 2005, Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Mr. Lozar as a Public Member of the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society.

MR. ROBERT MORGAN

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A fourth-generation Montanan, Mr. Bob Morgan has served the Montana Historical Society in every imaginable capacity: intern; part-time employee; exhibit designer; museum curator; acting director; art consultant; volunteer; member of the Board of Trustees. In 1988 the Board bestowed its Trustees Award on Bob for his significant contributions to Montana history.

Mr. Morgan studied both fine arts and commercial art during his Helena school years. Since his 1972 decision to become a full-time artist, Mr. Morgan has forged an international reputation based on his authentic historical artwork. He is listed in a myriad of "Who's Who in American Art" publications and has received numerous artistic awards and honors.

Bob Morgan is a co-founder of Helena's annual Rendezvous of Western Art. He is the originator of the "quick draw" event now featured at art shows nationwide. He further is recognized internationally as an expert on the work of Montana's cowboy artist Charles M. Russell.

Former Governor Marc Racicot appointed Mr. Morgan a Public Member of the Board of Trustees in 1998. Former Governor Judy Martz reappointed him in 2001, and Bob currently serves as vice-president on the Board's Executive Committee.

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Mr. Jim Murry is a fourth-generation Montanan who grew up in Laurel. He attended Montana State University-Billings. Upon entering the workforce, he became active in the labor movement. Jim later became the executive secretary of the Montana State AFL-CIO.

For twenty-five years, Mr. Murry represented the Montana labor movement at the state, national, and international levels. He was a delegate to the International Labor Organization (ILO) Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, for two years, and he represented the U.S. labor movement in Israel, Central America, and Brussels, Belgium. Mr. Murry retired from the Montana AFL-CIO in 1991.

Jim is biracial, being of Irish and Native American ancestry. He is an adopted member of the Blackfeet Tribe and serves on the Executive Board of the Helena Indian Alliance. He and his wife Arlene have five grown children and reside in Clancy.

Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Mr. Murry to the Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees effective July 13, 2005, for a term ending on July 1, 2010. Jim is a current member of the Board's Executive Committee.

MS. LEE (MRS. PHIL) ROSTAD

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Ms. Lee Rostad brings the experience of a rancher, a teacher, a writer, a longtime potter and painter, and a Montana historian to the Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Born and raised in Montana, Ms. Rostad graduated from the University of Montana-Missoula (1951), served as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of London, and in 1994 received an honorary Doctor of Letters from Rocky Mountain College in Billings. In 2001 she received the Governor's Humanities Award, and in 2004 she accepted the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Montana. For nine years she sat on the Montana Committee for the Humanities, and she has served as chair of the C.M. Bair Family Trust.

Ms. Rostad's publications include a Grace Stone Coates biography, a Meagher County history, and a Charles Bair biography. In 2005 Ms. Rostad received a Willa Award (finalist) for her work *Grace Stone Coates--Her Life in Letters*.

Former Governor Marc Racicot appointed Lee a Public Member of the Board of Trustees in 1997, and former Governor Judy Martz reappointed her in 2004. Ms. Rostad currently serves as the Board's president and a member of the Executive Committee. Governor Schweitzer designated her the Board's "historian" in 2006.

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Mr. Thomas Siebel, a part-time Montana resident, owns and operates the Dearborn Ranch in Wolf Creek and the N Bar Ranch in Grass Range. Mr Siebel is the founder and chairman of the Montana Meth Project. He is a member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Montana Ambassadors, and the Montana Team Ropers Association.

Mr. Siebel is a graduate of the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where he received a B.A. in history, an M.B.A., and a M.S. in computer science. He sits on the board of advisors of the University of Illinois, College of Engineering, the University of Illinois Foundation.

Mr. Siebel is a frequent industry spokesman and is the author of three books: *Taking Care of eBusiness*; *Cyber Rules*; *Virtual Selling*.

Former Governor Judy Martz appointed Mr. Siebel to the Society Board of Trustees in 2004 to fill a partial term that expires in July, 2006.

MR. JAMES UTTERBACK

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Mr. Jim Utterback, a native of Texas, received a B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin (1970) and arrived in Montana in 1990. He worked for two decades as a Certified Public Accountant and began a career as an automobile dealer upon his relocation to Montana. Mr. Utterback's strong business background and experience provide the Board with an important perspective that complements his special interest in Montana history and historical sites.

Former Governor Marc Racicot appointed Mr. Utterback to the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society in 1999. Former Governor Judy Martz reappointed him in 2004.

Neither Empty nor Unknown

Montana at the Time of Lewis & Clark



Illustrations in this booklet
are from the upcoming exhibit
Neither Empty Nor Unknown
opening September 21, 2006

from front to back:

FRONT COVER:

Artist-Trustee Bob Morgan painting a large mural of the plains in the
exhibit *Neither Empty Nor Unknown—Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark*.

Study sketch of buffalo pound bas relief for
Neither Empty Nor Unknown, 2005 • Scott Hayes

Painted and Quilled Buffalo Hide Robe, 2003 • Darrell Norman, Blackfeet

Swift Fox, 2005 • Jay Laber, Blackfeet

"Gathering" 2005 • John Potter, Anishinabe
Mural in *Neither Empty Nor Unknown*

Quilled Knife Sheath, 2004 • Gary Johnson, Metis

Shield and Replica Medicine Bundle on Tripod, 2004
Darrell Norman, Blackfeet

Trapped Bison, 2006 • Scott Hayes

Bas relief for buffalo pound diorama in *Neither Empty Nor Unknown*

Quilled Moccasins, ca 1925 • Mabel Bradley, Gros Ventre

Quilled Moccasins, 2004 • Gary Johnson, Metis



The design quilled on these moccasins represents a buffalo pound.



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